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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of the note dated May 3, 1978, from the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in Washington.

In response, we would like to advise the Embassy that on May 6 the American Embassy in Kabul delivered the following note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and, with reference to the latter's circular note of April 30, 1978, takes note of the information conveyed in that document.

The Government of the United States of America assumes that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will continue to honor and support the existing treaties and international agreements in force between our two states. On that assumption, it is the intention of the Government of the United States of America to maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

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The Ambassador of the United States of America hopes that it will be possible, at an early opportunity, to receive briefings on the policies and plans of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan the assurances of its highest consideration."

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The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to advise that -

1. On the 27th of April 1978, a democratic and national revolution led by the Armed Forces of Afghanistan took place in the country.
2. The National Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, in its first session on the 30th of April 1978, elected Mr. Nour Mohammad Taraki, a great national and revolutionary personality of Afghanistan, as the President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, who is also the Head of Government (Prime Minister).
3. Upon the decision of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan as the supreme state power of the country, as of the 30th of April 1978, Afghanistan as a political institution shall be the State of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.
4. The Government as the supreme executive power of the country will be elected by the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and called the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The Government is responsible to the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.
5. High State and Government Affairs will be carried out by decrees of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, while bringing the above matter to the attention of the Government of the United States of America, requests that formal recognition of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan by the Government of the United States of America be communicated to this Embassy.

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D. C., 3 May 1978.

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